

HOW HOOFMAT IS USED

Using Hoofmat is simple and easy. Soak the mats with the prepared treatment solution (usually with either copper or zinc sulphate). The mats hold approximately 25 litres of the diluted solution.

Introduce the wetted mat at the exit of the bails for a few milkings and the herd will soon get used to walking over it. Once the herd is accustomed to the Hoofmat it can be moved to the entrance of the milking bails for effective treatment. Normally the herd will continue to walk across the Hoofmat with no hesitation.

By having the Hoofmat at the entrance to the milking bails, the treatment solution remains on the hooves during milking and has an opportunity to soak into the hoof.

If the Hoofmat is placed at the exit of the milking bails, the solution is likely to be removed as the cow walks into the muddy or wet area.

A watering can of treatment solution should be used to "refresh".

HOW HOOFMAT WORKS

Hoofmat works as a heavy-duty sponge. Treatment solution is poured into the mat and is then applied to the cow's hooves as they walk over the mat.

The treatment solution does more than just bath the hoof. The design of the mat, combined with the weight of the cow, has the effect of pushing the solution vigorously into the hoof as the cow walks over the mat.



HOW HOOFMAT IS MADE

Hoofmat is made of high-density foam inner, which is encased, in a heavy-duty polyfabric. The stitching is heavy weight polyester.

Size: The size of a standard Hoofmat is 1800mm x 900mm x 30mm thick.

- **Contents 30mm high density bonded polyurethane foam.**
- **Outer Cover Heavy quality woven polyfabric. It has a high abrasion resistance, totally impervious to most acids and alkalines. It has a burst strength of 344 kilos.**
- **Stitching Heavy weight polyester (as used in seat belt manufacture).**

CARE OF THE HOOFMAT

A common question about Hoofmat is “How long does it last?” It depends on herd size as well as care and maintenance of the mat itself. As a guide, a Hoofmat should be good for around 100,000 cow passes.

For best results, a smooth surface is desirable, as a rough pitted surface dramatically reduces the life of Hoofmat.

AFTER MILKING:

- **Hose the mats**
- **Roll up out excess solution.**
- **Rinse with hose and squeeze again and then drape the mat over a rail to drain out for the next milking.**

By keeping to this routine not only will the mat last well, but there will be significant improvement in the health of cow hooves.

WHAT HOOFMAT USERS SAY

"We regard Hoofmat as the best method of hardening cows hooves because it is easy to use and is inexpensive to buy and doesn't interfere with the flow of cows".

P & D O – Te Kauwhata

"I run a 460 cow herd and have used Hoofmats for approximately 6 years. They have greatly reduced incidents of sore feet in my cows.

The mats have saved a lot of time by not having to deal with clinical sore feet cases and also in the savings in cost involved dealing with these cows"

S N – Te Kauwhata

"We have very little lameness in our cows, which is smaller vet bills"

K H & C U – Morrinsville

THE BACKGROUND

Hoofmat was designed by Huntly Tradesman Peter Sweetman. The invention of Hoofmat came as a result of a conversation with a frustrated farmer whose herd had been plagued with hoof problems for years. Peter was asked to come up with a method to get treatment solution onto the cow's hooves. After experimentation Hoofmat was developed. Peter has been in business for 40 years and has never had anything as successful as Hoofmat.

As well as being sold throughout New Zealand, this innovative mat is now in big demand from dairy farmers all over the world.

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